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There appears to have been a bumper crop of fuzzy hats.

Sunday sport still continues to exact toll in human lives.

It is a wonder that nobody thought of clean money long ago.

The country is safe in spite of the dire predictions of certain politicians.

It is possible to be a perfect daredevil in an aeroplane, but what is the use?

If it were not for politics a lot of young lawyers would find existence dreary.

What has become of the old fashioned joint debate between leading candidates?

Some plutocrat should offer a prize for the encouragement of longevity among aviators.

Not only does it hurt an oyster to be eaten alive, as Doc Wiley says, but it cannot talk back.

Women's dresses, we are told, are to be tighter. Gracious heaven! Can such a thing be possible?

Artificial rubber is said by an expert to be a failure—not able to stretch a point—so to speak.

After a while perhaps Americans will learn to utilize their house tops as well as their sleeping porches.

Even if abstaining from gossip will not remove superfluous hairs it will leave a sweeter taste in the mouth.

It is a sad world. You escape a scorching automobile by the skin of your teeth, only to run into a candidate.

After all, it is only fair to attempt to make a man of a monkey, since so many monkeys have been made of men.

Once more the last of the passenger pigeons has died. That bird will accomplish that feat once too often some day.

Now it is explained why the small boy and the tramp are so healthy. A Boston physician says that soap is a carrier of diseases.

The dear little boys in the kindergarten may be shy on some branches of useless knowledge, but they are learning to sew nicely.

It is hardly reasonable to suppose that all the police in New York are bad, but the bad ones are most in the limelight just now.

The New York milkman who offered to accept kisses in pay for his wares must have been dispensing the milk of human kindness.

This is a grand year for fruits, but certain well-known gentlemen with cravings for office will remember it because of its sour grapes.

Toadstools caused the death of thirteen persons in Paris during the last season. Another proof of the unlikelihood of the number thirteen.

Despite all predictions of an early hard winter, it can be regarded as certain that navigation up Salt river will remain open until after November 5.

Harvard surgeons have installed a device that records heartbeats at hundreds of miles. Pooh! The ordinary love letter has been doing that for aeons.

Why would it not be a good idea for some one to seek to develop the commercial utility of the aeroplane rather than to display its circus possibilities?

"Lots of Americans are fools," says the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier. This may be true, but the foreigner who says it is going to get in to trouble.

People who insist on dancing the "grizzly bear" even when there is danger of being shot for doing so may be said to have enthusiasm that is worthy of a better cause.

A Chicago man, struck by lightning was cured of his rheumatism for 24 hours. The method may be all right but the difficulty of making it practical comes in securing your bolts on schedule.

California scientists are endeavoring to find out whether the sun is growing cold. This is the time of year when people who desire to make such a discovery are most likely to be successful.

New Zealand has introduced a letter meter by which mail is registered and paid for without the use of stamps. Must be rather inconvenient for each individual to have to lug a letter meter around.

A Waukegan lady who has tried one reports that old bachelors do not make good husbands, because they are too firmly "set" in their ways. This only proves the correctness of the theory that the lady who expects to have a satisfactory husband must catch him and train him early.

REBELS ROB TRAIN; KIDNAPS AMERICAN

J. T. CAMERON, RICH EL PASO BROKER, HELD FOR RANSOM IN MEXICO.

INTENDED TO SHIP CATTLE

Mail and Express Cars Rifled and One Passenger Held Up—U. S. Citizens Forced to Flee From His Ranch.

El Paso, Tex.—After holding up the south bound Mexico Northwestern passenger train, south of Juarez, rebels looted the mail and baggage cars and kidnaped John T. Cameron, a wealthy cattleman of El Paso from the train, and are holding him for ransom.

Cameron was on his way to the Mormon colonies near Casas Grandes to purchase cattle for importation. It is believed the rebels seized Cameron to keep him from shipping additional stock out of the rebel territory.

Soldiers No Protection.
Opening the Mexico Northwestern railway after a lapse of traffic for a week, caused by destruction of the road by rebels, makes known large recent losses by the company. Aside from the destruction of many trestles on the line, a train of twenty-four cars of choice lumber, destined for the United States, was burned. The loss of the lumber train is estimated at more than \$50,000.

Federal troops continue to offer no protection to the railway, remaining in the larger towns, say passengers arriving here. Some significance is attached to the departure to the state capital of Gen. Antonio Rabago, commander of the district. It is understood he has been recalled to Mexico City. Fresh troops, not of his command, are on the way from the city of Chihuahua to replace Rabago's troops.

American Flees From Mexico.

Beville, Tex.—W. O. Hausenbeck, manager of the Mexican ranch of the International Land and Live Stock company of Chicago, has arrived at his old home here, being forced to flee from the ranch, which is situated near Vallarta, Chihuahua. He says the property has been occupied alternately by federal and rebel forces for several months. He gives an account of a battle that was fought a few days ago at Vallarta.

Arrest in \$200,000 Theft.

Havana—Antonio Ayala, a messenger of the National bank of Cuba, has been arrested by order of the special judge in charge of the investigation into the disappearance of a package containing \$200,000, which was supposed to have been sent by registered mail to the National Park bank of New York, September 27.

Trust Assessed \$223,754.555.

Chicago—James King, auditor for the International Harvester company, on the witness stand in the hearing of the government's suit to dissolve the alleged harvester trust, testified that in August, 1911, the total assets of the company amounted to \$223,754.555.

Oklahoma Marshal Slain.

Fairfax, Okla.—In a duel with W. B. Skirvington, wanted on a charge of horse theft at Gray Horse, seven miles east of here, James Murphy, marshal of Fairfax, was shot and killed. Skirvington escaped on horseback.

Democratic Fund \$425,000.

New York—Henry M. Morgenthau, chairman of the general finance committee of the Democratic national committee, announced that contributions to date for the Wilson and Marshall campaign totaled \$425,000.

17 Hurt in Wreck.

Norristown, Pa.—Seventeen persons, mostly women, were injured seriously two miles from here when two trolley cars of the Reading Transit company crashed in a head-on collision in a fog. Several may die.

Sickles' Home May Be Sold.

New York—Papers have been drawn in a suit to foreclose the first mortgage on the home of Major General Daniel E. Sickles. The mortgage, which is for \$118,000, is held by the Bowery Savings bank.

Typhoid in Reformatory.

Pontiac, Ill.—Typhoid fever is epidemic among the inmates of the Illinois state reformatory here, twenty-five cases being in the hospital of that institution at the present time. One inmate, George Yeager, died.

New Chinese Loan Offered.

London—Another powerful independent banking combine, the Pekin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph asserts, has offered to underwrite responsible Chinese schemes to any amount.

Fine Cut Kills a Baby.

Peoria, Ill.—Charles, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dunbar, is dead at Virginia, Ill., as a result of eating fine cut chewing tobacco which he found on the floor of his parents' home.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MAIL COLLECTING



THIS is the new motorcycle collecting device now being tried out in Washington by the postoffice authorities. The photograph shows how the mail is taken from the letter box without the collector leaving his machine, proving a great time saver over the old way of collecting.

SIX DIE AS OIL IGNITES AWARD AGAINST HATTERS

SIXTY-FIVE LEAP FROM BURNING STEAMSHIPS.

Gasoline Explosion Drives Captain, Family and Crew Into New York Harbor Water.

New York—The English oil steamship Dunholm, with 25,000 barrels of gasoline on board, blew up at Standard Oil pier No. 3, Constable Hook, Bayonne, with a detonation that was heard in Manhattan and started a fire which is estimated to have caused more than \$500,000 damage.

It was known that three men, a carpenter on the steamship Dunholm and two laborers on a pier, perished while a number of other men were reported missing. That more persons did not lose their lives was due to quick rescue work by crews of fireboats.

The men leaped overboard and were picked up one by one while swimming frantically to escape the burning oil.

Some of the men who escaped declared they heard as many as sixteen explosions on various oil barges. Most of these explosions, they said, were on the Dunholm.

The captain, his wife and their three children and the other sixty men aboard the Dunholm leaped overboard at the sound of the first explosion.

The exploding gasoline was hurled across pier No. 3, setting fire to the Saxoline, an oil steamship, having on board a full cargo of oil, and to the Norwegian bark, Concordia, with a full cargo of case oil.

Explosions on board the Dunholm continued for three hours, each barrel bursting with the report of a six-inch field gun and scattering the oil as it burned, far over the piers and water.

TRIES TO POISON CHORISTER

Girl Singer in Taft's Cincinnati Church Eats "Doctored" Candy and Becomes Ill.

Cincinnati, Ohio—Through the agency of candy which had been dipped in a solution of bichloride of mercury, an unidentified enemy sought the life of Miss Isabel Sparkes, soprano soloist at Christ church, the leading Episcopal congregation of the city, who lives at 2511 Auburn avenue.

It is at this church that President Taft usually worships when in the city. Miss Sparkes ate three pieces of the candy and became dangerously ill. Her life was saved by the ministrations of the family physician.

Kansas Divorces Decreasing.

Kansas City, Mo.—Divorce in Kansas City is decreasing, according to figures given out by W. W. Wright, divorce proctor. From October, 1910, to October, 1911, divorces were granted to 911 women and 313 men. In the year ending October 1, 1912, 631 women and 250 men obtained decrees.

Mexican Rebels Rob Train.

Laredo, Tex.—Mexican rebels held up a Mexican Northwestern passenger train near Pearson, robbed passengers of money and valuable and rifled the mail, according to advices received here.

Uncovers Supposed Pirate Ship.

Galveston, Tex.—Workmen digging a foundation in the center of the business district found the remains of an old ship, 60 feet under ground. It is believed by some to be part of the fleet of Pirate LaFite.

JURY IS ABOVE AVERAGE

TWELVE MEN ARE SWORN TO TRY LIEUT. BECKER.

Most Intelligent Since the Molineux Case—All Are Married, as Defense Fought For.

New York, N. Y.—The most intelligent jury sworn to try a homicide case here since the ordeal of Roland B. Molineux, a decade ago, was that sworn in to try Police Lieutenant Becker for the murder of gambler Herman Rosenthal.

Every man who passed the scrutiny of counsel for both sides and the final analysis of the accused policeman himself was far above the average of the usual juror in ability. As in the Molineux case, the defense insisted that the men selected should be able to act and think independently.

In addition every man chosen is married, this being one of the hinges Becker positively insisted on, and he declared when court opened that he was well satisfied with the men chosen. The men are:

Harold B. Skinner, 35 years old, electrical engineer, married, foreman; Robert C. Purcell, 40 years old, expert chemist, married; John T. Hardy, 55 years old, retired manufacturer, married; Edward C. Soule, 30 years old, auditor, married; William F. Ward, 45 years old, real estate dealer, married; Dow J. Becker, 35 years old, wholesale lumber dealer, married (no relation to, and never heard of accused before his arrest); Charles J. Pratt, 40 years old, agent commissary department Central railroad; Leslie A. Wark, 45, baker, married; Clarence T. Coley, 35, mechanical engineer, married; Paul T. Kammerer, 55, retired clothing manufacturer, married; John E. Dillon, 45, manager, married.

WOULD CHRISTIANIZE ZULUS

Adventists Buy Spion Kop, a Mountain in South Africa, as a Mission Farm.

Washington, D. C.—The scene of the bloodiest battle of the Boer war, Spion Kop, a mountain outside of Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa, is to be used by Seventh Day Adventists as a mission farm for educating and Christianizing the Zulus. Advice received at the headquarters of the denomination here from one of its missionaries there, tell of the purchase of this mountain peak containing 2,200 acres. The farm is to be self supporting.

Several Christianized tribesmen will work with the missionaries in teaching Christianity to their brother natives.

PIONEER ENGINEER PAROLED

Man Who Took Apparatus to Chicago Fire in Record Time Freed in Texas.

Houston, Texas—J. E. Fitzpatrick, 71 years old, convicted in Harris county on a charge of mule theft and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, got a conditional pardon from Gov. Colquitt. He was convicted March 31, 1911, and has served since that date.

Fitzpatrick, while an engineer made the famous run in 1871 from Bloomington, Ill., to Chicago, 124 miles, in 129 minutes. The run was made at the time of the big Chicago fire. The train which Fitzpatrick's locomotive pulled was loaded with fire-fighting apparatus. Fitzpatrick was an engineer fifty years.

LUMBER BOAT HITS WARSHIP

In Attempting to Avoid Collision With Another Boat the Ossabaw Hull Broken by Montana.

New York—The steamer Ossabaw collided with the United States battleship Montana in the lower bay. The Ossabaw, inward bound from Texas, while trying to avoid colliding with the St. Lawrence, struck broadside against the stern of the battleship. The battleship was undamaged, but the hull of the Ossabaw was broken.

As the vessel was loaded with lumber, however, she was in no great danger of sinking and kept on her course to the city.

THREE BITTEN BY MAD DOG

Wabash (Ind.) Victims to Be Treated in Pasteur Institute at Indianapolis.

Wabash, Ind.—Ora Oxley, a farmer, and the 3-year-old daughter of C. W. Schroeder, another farmer are in Indianapolis, where they will be treated at Pasteur institute. They were bitten two weeks ago by a mad dog, James Ulrey, 12 years old, was also bitten, and went to Indianapolis today.

Giant Wave Drowns Seamen.

Watsonville, Cal.—G. A. Schroeder of Milwaukee and T. J. Turbett of Newark, N. J., seamen on board the United States submarine F-1, were drowned when a giant wave swept over the little craft, which later went aground near Port Watsonville.

Allows One Cent for a Kiss.

Evansville, Ind.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Edna Schaffer against Louis E. Johnson, who charged that he kissed her against her will, brought in a verdict for damages of 1 cent.

NEWS OF MISSOURI

Virgil Conkling Ill.
Kansas City—Virgil Conkling, prosecuting attorney of Jackson county, whose efforts, so far, to convict H. Clark Hyde of causing the deaths in the Swope family, is suffering from another nervous breakdown at his home. His condition is serious. The condition of the prosecutor forecasts the acquittal of Dr. Hyde, as the court has announced that another continuance of the case will not be allowed. The new trial will be called about the first of the year.

Church Women Elect.
Montgomery City—Columbia was selected as the next meeting place of the woman's presbytery of the Missouri presbytery. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. L. R. Henderson, Fulton; vice-president, Mrs. I. C. Uptgrove, Montgomery City; recording secretary and treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Botts, Mexico; corresponding secretary, Miss Margaret Mitchell, Keosauville.

1,600 Mules on Feed in Callaway.
Columbia—The number of mules on feed this year in Callaway county, one of the leading mule raising counties of Missouri, is largely than last year. According to estimates made by live stock men, there are now 1,600 mules on feed in the county. At this time last year there were 1,500, but in 1910 there were almost 2,000.

Hadley Paroled Orin McClain.
Jefferson City—Orin McClain, a young man from Maryville, Mo., who was serving two years in Missouri for forgery, was released on parole by Gov. Hadley, on condition that he return to his former home, report to W. A. Blagg and go to work.

Car Shortage Stops Coal Mining.
Bevier—The entire coal mine production of this section was compelled to stop work on account of car shortage. This is the first time in a number of years that a car shortage has affected the coal production of this field.

Bank Robbers Get \$5,830.
Boyard—Robbers blew the vault of the Farmers' bank here and escaped with \$5,830 in cash. The explosion aroused the officers of the bank, but the robbers were out of sight when the officials reached the scene.

Judge Boosts Poultry Show.
Jefferson City—This city is to have a large poultry show early in December, under the auspices of probably a hundred local farmers, among whom is Judge Waller W. Graves of the Missouri supreme court.

Perry Boosters Visit Hannibal.
Hannibal—Fifty business men of Perry passed through here in automobiles on their final stretch over northeast Missouri to advertise Perry. Each machine displayed large banners advertising the town.

Fire in Gmelich's Home.
Jefferson City—The home of Lieutenant Governor Jacob Gmelich, on East Main street, was damaged by fire during the absence of the family. Plumbers left a candle burning close to a pile of papers.

Clerks and Records to Meet.
Moberly—The State Association of Circuit Clerks and Records will hold a two days' session in this city November 8 and 9. Every county in the state will be represented.

Carthage Pastor Goes to New Post.
Poplar Bluff—Rev. F. M. Weddell of Carthage, Mo., has accepted a call to the rectorship of the Episcopal church of the Holy Cross here.

Marshal Took Bribe, Is Charged.
Sturgeon—The board of aldermen has started impeachment proceedings against C. F. Holloway, city marshal. The charges are neglect in the collection of the city's revenue, and accepting a bribe.

Raises Saloon License Cost.
Moberly—An ordinance was passed raising the saloon licenses from \$1,600 to \$2,000 per year. This means an increase in revenue of \$4,000 per year, \$1,000 of which goes to the good roads funds.

Kills Self on Anniversary.
Columbia—John E. Ridgeway, a retired farmer of Boone county, committed suicide here by drinking carbolic acid. The deed was committed on the thirty-sixth anniversary of his marriage.

Light Plant Bond Issue Lost.
Bevier—At the special election upon a proposition to bond the city for buying the electric light plant the issue was defeated by sixteen votes of the necessary two-thirds required to carry it.

Moberly Church Dedicated.
Moberly—Bishop Burke of St. Joseph, Mo., formally dedicated the new St. John's Catholic church here. The new edifice is being erected at a cost of \$75,000. Rev. Father P. J. Carney and former Mayor Rothwell also spoke.

Mistaken for Thief, Shot by Friend.
Poplar Bluff—Bog Howlett, Jr., was shot in the right leg by a friend, C. F. Smith, who thought him a highwayman. Howlett hailed Smith, the latter misunderstood the call and fired.